

More Rail-Road News

Santa Fe, Raton & Des Moines People to Have an Inning at Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City, Jan. 29.—Now that the project of the Oklahoma City & Pueblo railroad, of which W. C. Burke of this city was the principal promoter, has been abandoned, the proposition of building a line from this city to Woodward, considered by H. A. Ensign, president of the Santa Fe, Raton & Des Moines, N. M., and party during a recent visit to this city, will be re-opened. Some time ago the chamber of commerce made a standing offer to raise \$20,000 bonus money for the first line built from this city to the northwest. There were several competitors in the field, but the promoters differed some in the method of gaining the right of way. It was to be an open race, and the first successful in putting up a substantial guarantee to

build a line from this city to get the money.

The Oklahoma City & Pueblo project has now withdrawn from the field because of inability to secure funds to construct the line. The Ensign people when here some time ago wanted to build a line from this city to Woodward to connect with their line to be built from Raton, N. M., to Woodward and on to Englewood, Kans. It was thought at that time that the Oklahoma City & Pueblo project would come out successfully and being a home company was given the preference. Now the proposition of Mr. Ensign will be taken up again. A letter today from Mr. George T. Peart, vice president and general manager of the Santa Fe, Raton & Des Moines road, states that Mr. Ensign will be in Oklahoma City within the next few days and will confer with the chamber of commerce. Recently the Canadian River railroad company filed a mortgage of \$5,000,000 in Canadian county. This had to do directly with the line to the northwest herein spoken of, and is a part of the same company.

Sealed Proposals

The board of county commissioners of Colfax county, New Mexico, will receive sealed bids for the construction of a reinforced concrete arched bridge across the Cimarron

river at the town of Cimarron, in said county until ten o'clock a. m., Monday, March 4, 1907.

All bids must be accompanied by certified checks on some national bank in this county for 10 per cent of bid.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the county clerk of said county. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

E. G. TWITTY,

County Clerk.

Raton, N. M., Jan. 21, 1907.

Peaceful Solution Is Anticipated

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Conferences between the general managers of the railroads west, northwest and southwest of Chicago, and representatives of the conductors' and trainmen's organizations, regarding the demands of the latter, commenced today with a preliminary meeting.

The men are asking an eight-hour day and an increase of wages from 10 to 15 per cent. A peaceful solution is expected.

M. K. Long, who patented the Edison mining property up Bitter creek a few years ago, is at Wonder, Nevada, and writes to Geo. H. Brown that if he had the Edison mining property in Nevada he could sell it for a billion dollars.

Dry Farming Convention at Denver

Will C. Barnes

Correspondence to the Las Vegas Optic:

Denver, Thursday, Jan. 24.—From cattle raising to dry farming isn't such a very long jump in these days.

No sooner does the stock association adjourn than in steps the dry farmer with his little gathering.

Nor is it a little gathering by any means.

The hall was packed to suffocation. Every seat was taken and hundreds stood up for three long hours today to hear the speakers.

Prof. E. C. Chilcott, the expert in charge of the United States work in the arid district, was the main speaker and an extremely interesting one he proved to be.

I don't think many of us realized the true meaning of this dry farming business as we did after he was finished.

It was a revelation to us all and if any one doubts that the dry farming theory is an idle dream of some enthusiast, that it is but a passing fad to be soon dropped, he had best rid himself of the notion at once.

Professor Chilcott showed us that what they had designated as the "great plains district" which lay between the 98th and 104th parallels and the Canada line and Texas, a region once known as the Great American desert, had a proven annual average rainfall of 18 inches, 14 of which fell in what is known as the "growing months."

He told us of the success of the stations in this district in raising crops without irrigation, of their many experiments as to which of the grains would best grow under the conditions and how they were further experimenting and investigating.

It was a deeply interested crowd that listened all day long. Note books and pencils were seen on every hand. They came to learn, did these dry farmers. They were eager to find out everything they could and the way they plied Prof. Chilcott with questions was a caution.

The meeting is a most unqualified success and if the next session can be brought to New Mexico, as we will endeavor to do, it will be a grand thing for us all.

New Mexico has a good active delegation here in attendance.

Such horny handed sons of toil as John H. Hicks, for instance, who was yesterday sporting around with the cow men, is right up in front today cheek by jowl, with some granger from western Kansas.

A. A. Jones of Las Vegas is another ambitious granger anxious to get some hayseed in his hair.

Mr. Jefferson Reynolds thinks he wants to be a farmer and with the farmers stand, so he's here with the rest.

J. L. Zimmerman of Santa Fe, he too is here and everybody knows "Jim" is a dry farmer from way back.

C. E. Hartley of Springer is also helping boost for New Mexico and incidentally learn what a dry farm is, so if he met one in the road he'd know it without an introduction.

Scotty's Mine Found

A San Bernardino dispatch says: The mysterious gold mine of Walter Scott, the Death valley miner, for which hundreds of miners searched in vain, has been located. This was possible only when "Scotty," through his partner, A. M. Johnson, filed a location notice recently, although he has worked the mine for two years and a half.

The mine is a placer property, in an isolated district, and its location shows the shrewdness of "Scotty," for while he had claims on the east side of Death valley, in the Funeral range of mountains, his real source of wealth was on the west side, in the Panamint range. The "Sheephead"—for that is the name of the mine—has been carefully located, not merely by the usual signs of the desert prospector, but by careful surveys, which name its exact location by degrees and minutes.

3-Cent Fares

Cleveland, O., Jan. 28.—Twenty-five thousand people of this city are now riding for 3-cent fare on street railway lines which run through territory in which they live.

This condition of affairs is generally believed to be simply the beginning of the end, in the great battle for 3-cent fare which has been waged by Mayor Tom L. Johnson for the past six years, during which time he has thrice been elected mayor on a platform of 3-cent fare.

A large coke oven plant will soon be built at Yankee. The material is now on the ground.

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